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Real estate tax evasion investigated

ALLEGATIONS

Critics question seriousness of crackdown

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

The Canada Revenue Agency says it's beefing up its crackdown on tax cheats in Vancouver's real estate market.

But despite assigning 70 auditors to investigate allegations of tax dodging by offshore homebuyers, some critics say governments still aren't doing enough to stem the flow.

Minister of National Revenue Diane Lebouthillier expressed concerns about the housing sector in the wake of the latest Globe and Mail exposé, which revealed a loophole allowing investors to buy up property using a resident buyer as a proxy — without paying the appropriate taxes.

Chloé Luciani-Girouard, the minister's press secretary, told Metro on Tuesday the federal government is taking the reports seriously and has directed 70 auditors to focus on "detecting and addressing risk areas related to real estate transactions" in B.C.; in April, it pumped $444 million to "enhance" CRA's ability to "detect, audit, and prosecute" tax evaders.

But Vancouver real estate lawyer Kenneth Pazder said while it's commendable to enforce the tax rules, offshore investors will always seek loopholes — and cracking down may be too late now housing prices have already climbed out of reach for many locals. "Right now it's still a free-for-all in the Lower Mainland … That's what governments are trying to address, but it's like closing the barn door a few years after the horses got out."

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Board aims to dodge closures

SCHOOLS

Funding and capacity rules in spotlight as reports go out

Wanyee Li
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The Vancouver School Board (VSB) released staff reports on each of the 12 schools on its potential closure list Tuesday and is renewing its calls for the provincial government to loosen capacity restrictions and add funding.

The announcement comes on the same day B.C.'s education minister revealed $13.1 million for seismic upgrades at Jamieson Elementary, a Vancouver school near Cambie and 49th Avenue.

The school is near 100 per cent capacity, but others are not so lucky and are facing closures as part of the district's Long Range Facility Plan.

The province requires school districts to achieve 95 per cent capacity utilization, and Vancouver currently sits at 84.5 per cent, according to the school board website.

VSB chair Mike Lombardi wants the province to relax that requirement.

"We take the position that the 95 per cent capacity utilization is not reasonable," he said at a press conference Tuesday.

B.C. requires school districts to achieve 95 per cent capacity utilization, and Vancouver currently sits at 84.5 per cent, according to the school board website. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We continue to advocate for that to be changed. We continue to advocate for additional funding."

When asked for comment on potential Vancouver school closures, Education Minister Mike Bernier acknowledged closing schools was a "tough decision" for any district but that Vancouver must meet the same standard as other districts.

> **The 95 per cent capacity utilization is not reasonable.**
> Mike Lombardi

Any community feedback should be directed to the school district, he added.

"From a provincial perspective, it is legislated that anytime a school district is considering school closure, they must go through a consultation process before making any final decision."

The consultation process is "transparent and reasonable," said Lombardi.

All 12 staff reports on the schools that could potentially close can be found on the Vancouver School Board website.

TIMELINE

Sept. 15, 5 p.m., Charles Tupper Secondary
VSB trustees and the board's standing committees will meet with staff to go over the reports for each school on the potential closure list to create a shortlist.

Sept. 26, 7 p.m., Charles Tupper Secondary
This is a public meeting where trustees will decide which, if any, schools will remain on the potential closure list.

October to November
If any schools are identified for potential school closure on Sept. 26, there will be an "intensive consultation process" with each school community. It will include in-person and online opportunities for students, parents and staff to give feedback to the school board.

More details about the consultative process will be released after Sept. 26, said Lombardi.

Dec. 12
VSB will hold a final vote on which schools will be closed.

No school will be closed earlier than **September 2017**, according to Lombardi.

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Sky-high: Vancouver rent the most expensive in the country

HOUSING

One-bedroom rates rose 2.9% between July and August

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver continues to have the priciest rents in Canada, while Victoria is now third-most expensive, according to Padmapper.com, a rental listings site.

Since Padmapper began publishing reports this June on the data it gathers, the median price to rent a one-bedroom apartment in Vancouver has been significantly higher than Toronto, the next most expensive city. In August, the median one-bedroom rent rate for Vancouver was $1,750, compared to $1,310 in Toronto — a $440 difference.

According to Padmapper's data, one-bedroom rental rates in Vancouver increased 2.9 per cent between July and August. But two-bedrooms have been dropping in price since May, from $2,780 to $2,680.

Padmapper has around 300 active listings for Vancouver per month, with the majority of those being one-bedrooms, said Tanguy Le Louarn, a data analyst with San Francisco-based Padmapper.

Meanwhile, rents have also started to creep up in Victoria, a city that has also started to see a similar acceleration in residential real estate prices. With the median one-bedroom now $1,080, B.C.'s capital has edged out Calgary, where rents have been falling over the past few months. In Toronto, the second-most-expensive city according to Padmapper's data, rents for one-bedrooms fell by 1.5 per cent and two-bedroom rents dropped 2.3 per cent between August and September.

Like nosebleed-level home price increases, the city's rents aren't reflecting local incomes. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

> (Vancouver) rents have been growing over the past few years, far outpacing wage growth, and it cannot happen forever.
> Tanguy Le Louarn with Padmapper

Month-to-month data on rent rates is hard to come by, and some researchers have turned to online listings to try to get a picture of what is happening in the rental market.

In August, Metro reported on Craigslist data collected and analyzed by Tom Davidoff, an economics professor at the University of British Columbia, which showed that Vancouver rents had jumped by a whopping 15 per cent between April and August 2016.

(Davidoff's data showed that the median rate for a one-bedroom in Vancouver in August was $1,790, compared to $2,200 for a two-bedroom.)

Padmapper's data, which so far only includes the past four months, shows a less dramatic increase of around two per cent, Le Louarn said. But it's apparent that, like nosebleed-level home price increases, Vancouver rents don't reflect local incomes.

The Padmapper data for the United States show that after several years of rent increases, rents are now plateauing, even in in-demand cities like New York and San Francisco.

"(Vancouver) rents have been growing over the past few years, far outpacing wage growth, and it cannot happen forever," Le Louarn said.

Renters being pushed out: Survey

Just under half of Vancouver renters surveyed about rental issues have had to move because of redevelopment, renovation or short-term rentals, according to a Vancity survey published Sept. 8.

Vancity received 800 responses to an online survey in July 2016. The credit union solicited the responses following a report published in July showing that renting has become unaffordable for the average millennial renter in all but two Vancouver neighbourhoods.

The survey also showed that renters are changing their behaviour in the current unstable environment: 53 said they have done their own maintenance or stopped asking for repairs, 13 per cent said they had offered to pay more rent and 21 per cent said they had received a rent increase above the amount allowed by B.C. law.

Of the 49 per cent of renters who say they have had to move, 18 per cent said they felt they had been unfairly evicted.

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CRIME

Vigilantes nab man facing sex charges

A growing trend of vigilante stings has resulted in charges against a former deputy sheriff in B.C. days after a Mountie faced similar allegations.

The B.C. Criminal Justice Branch announced Tuesday that Kevin Johnston, who worked in Kamloops, has been charged with three counts of communicating with an underage person for a sexual offence and one count of invitation to sexual touching.

An unnamed RCMP officer in Surrey was arrested last week and is being investigated for child luring and sexual exploitation after the vigilante group Creep Catchers released video that it claimed was a confrontation with a man who thought he was meeting an underage girl.

Justice branch spokesman Dan McLaughlin confirmed that both men came to the attention of police through separate vigilante groups in the province.

"There are organizations that are out there providing opportunities for people to communicate with people they believe to be underage females in these instances and they seem to have been caught by those organizations."

None of the allegations against the two men have been proven in court.

In the latest allegations, media reports said a group called Creep Hunters in Kelowna, B.C., posted a video on Facebook that the group said showed a confrontation with Johnston after he allegedly tried to initiate a relationship with an underage girl.

The group's website was taken down on Tuesday, but some of the video was still available and had been shared on Facebook.

In B.C., Crown prosecutors decide if charges should be laid after police present them with a file of evidence. McLaughlin said this case is no different in that police will investigate and assess the strength of the case.

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Darryl Condon, Rachelle Jones, Alexandra Kenyon, Steve DiPasquale, and Charles Gauthier make a Hastings laneway More Awesome Now. COURTESY MORE AWESOME NOW

Alley as a playful place

DOWNTOWN

Painted street to feature hoops, foosball

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

The Downtown Vancouver BIA is painting an alley near Hastings Street pink and yellow, transforming it into what it hopes will be a gathering place for pedestrians as part of its More Awesome Now project.

The project, in the alley south of Hastings Street between Granville and Seymour streets, grew from the Re-Imagine Downtown Vancouver consultation in 2015, said Charles Gauthier, president and CEO of DVBIA.

"People wanted more places where they can actually meet other people, play during the workday, enjoy the different types of public space we have."

DVBIA and HCMA Architecture, the design firm on this project, recorded activity in the alley before selecting it. Aside from early morning and afternoon deliveries, the alleyway was sitting empty most of the time, they found.

People use the laneway as a shortcut and delivery trucks use it to access the businesses on that block, which include a Starbucks, Odyssey Bar and Nightclub and Trees Organic Coffee.

Vehicles will still be able to use the alleyway but Gauthier expects they will respect the new installations in the area, including basketball hoops and a foosball court.

Hastings West Alleyway is one of three laneways in the $200,000 pilot project. The city contributed half the funds and the retail districts of Alberni, Granville, and Hastings provided the rest, said Gauthier.

A similar transformation is planned off Alberni and Granville streets, according to Gauthier.

People are invited to the official launch of the Hastings West laneway Thursday, Sept. 15, from 5 to 8 p.m.

British Columbia Utilities Commission

APPENDIX B
to Order G-142-16

Public Notice – Insurance Corporation of British Columbia 2016 Revenue Requirements Application

On August 25, 2016, the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) seeking approval of a 4.9 percent rate increase to Basic automobile insurance as of November 1, 2016 (Application).

The Commission is initiating a review of ICBC's Application. To view the timetable for this proceeding and the Application go to www.bcuc.com select "Current Proceedings" under "Quick Links" and scroll to "ICBC 2016 Revenue Requirements."

How to get more Information

The application and all supporting documentation are available on the Commission's website **www.bcuc.com** on the **"Current Proceedings"** page. If you would like to review the material in hard copy, it is available to be viewed at the locations below:

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For all other inquiries please contact Laurel Ross, Acting Commission Secretary using the contact information above.

How to get Involved

There are a number of ways to participate in the review of this application.

Submit a Letter of Comment – Members of the public may contribute views, opinion, impact or potential impact of the application using the Letter of Comment Form found online at www.bcuc.com.

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Request Intervener Status – Persons who are directly or sufficiently affected by the Commission's decision or have relevant information or expertise and that wish to actively participate in the proceeding can request intervener status by submitting a completed Request to Intervene Form by Monday, September 26, 2016. Forms are available online at **www.bcuc.com**.

For additional information on how to participate in a Commission proceeding and to access all forms, please refer to the following webpage: http://www.bcuc.com/RegisterIndex.aspx Forms can also be requested by email or in writing using the contact information above.

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Geologists signal dawn of the Anthropocene age

ENVIRONMENT E

Experts declare new epoch and humans have a lot to answer for

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Welcome to the Anthropocene.

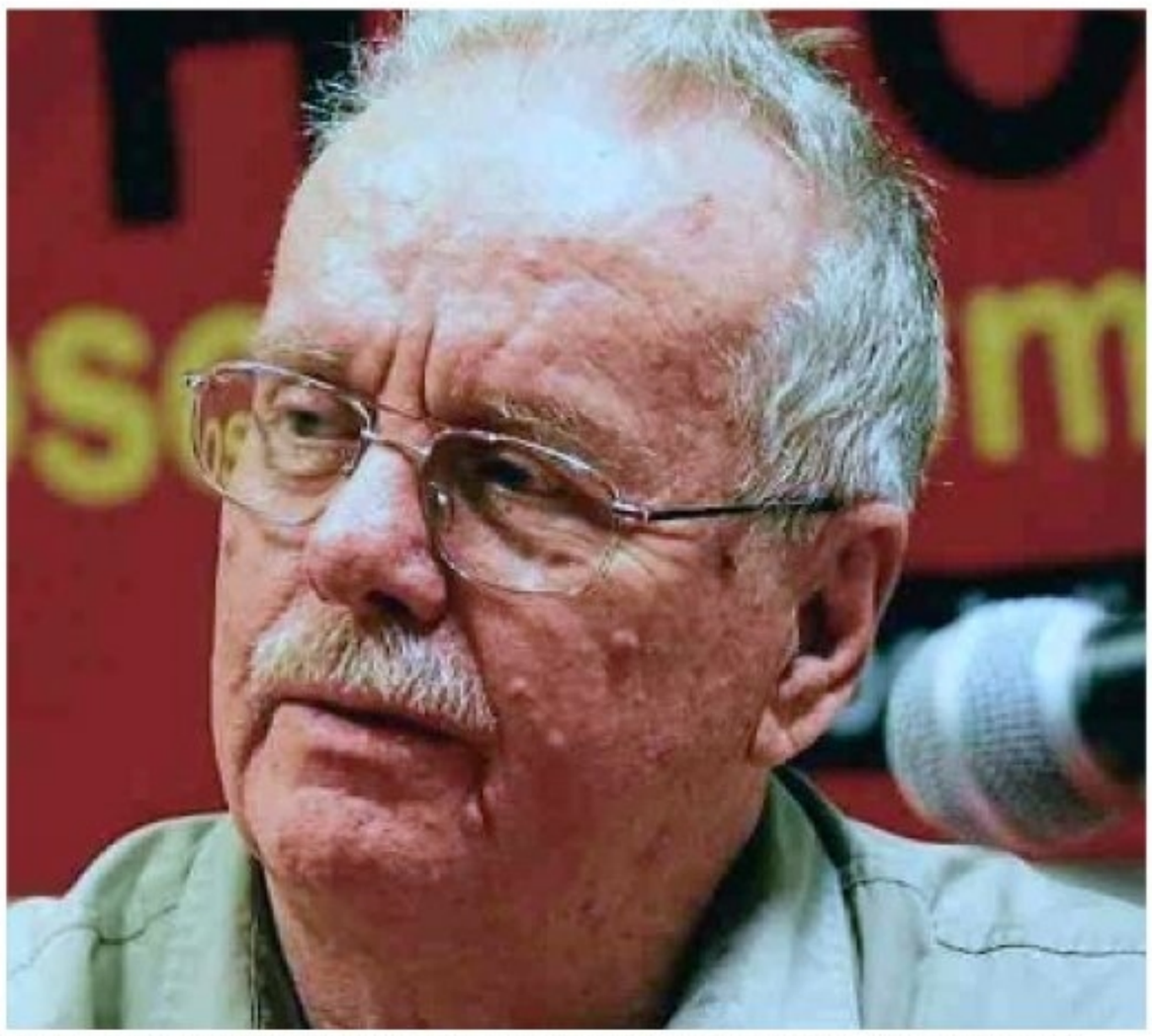
On Aug. 29, geologists on a high-level international working group voted 30 to three to officially declare our time an entirely new geological epoch — one in which humans have "profoundly" affected almost every single system on our planet.

Markers of the new era include radioactive fallout from 1950s hydrogen bomb tests, climate change, mining the Earth's crust and widespread agriculture, according to the International Commission on Stratigraphy's Working Group on the Anthropocene.

Now, the author of a new book on the proposed epoch is in the Lower Mainland this week to speak at three local universities about the subject.

"The Anthropocene is an epoch that is not official yet but it's getting awfully close," Ian Angus, the Ontario-based editor of the online journal Climate and Capitalism, told Metro in a phone interview. "The last time a new epoch was put on the chart, it marked the retreat of the glaciers 12,000 years ago.

"That led to the circumstances in which agriculture was developed independently in various places around the world, and in which civilizations could develop."



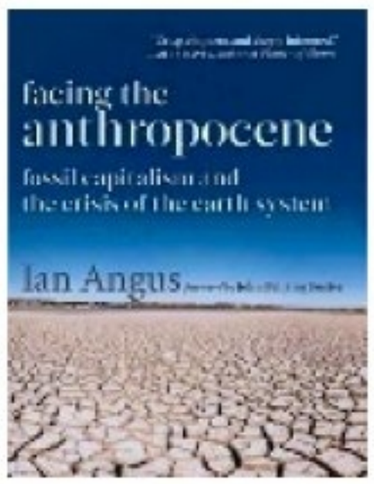
Ian Angus, author of Facing the Anthropocene: Fossil Capitalism and the Crisis of the Earth System. CONTRIBUTED

That stable, post-Ice Age epoch geologists call the Holocene. He's hoping to clear up some popular misconceptions about the concept, notably the myth that it's about humans affecting our planet.

"Our species, pretty much by nature, has been changing the planet since we came down from the trees, or invented agriculture or hunting," he explained. "But those are not shifts in the Earth system as such. It's only recently that our activity has affected very fundamental things about the way the planet works."

> We've enjoyed 12,000 years of relative stability; it's been good for us. We can no longer anticipate that.
> Bill Burgess, Kwantlen geographer

Kwantlen Polytechnic University geographer Bill Burgess said the idea of a new epoch dawning isn't new, but that debate has been over when exactly it started — sometime in the mid-20th century, likely after the first hydrogen bomb test when nuclear fallout was dispersed across the globe, though that is merely a measurable sign.



"We seem to have crossed some kind of tipping point," he told Metro in a phone interview. "We've enjoyed 12,000 years of relative stability, it's been good for us. We can no longer anticipate that."

But Angus insisted he remains hopeful that humans can try to bring the climate within liveable levels by rapidly ending fossil fuel consumption — though we can't turn back the dawning of the epoch.

"But in an economy built on having that source of energy, you can't name an industry that's not based on them," he cautioned. "It is not a trivial problem.

"But we can organize people to change what we can change now. If we fight this thing, we could well lose. But if we don't try it, we're guaranteed to lose. I don't see there's a choice in this."

Angus will speak on his book Facing the Anthropocene: Fossil Capitalism and the Crisis of the Earth System at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (Fir Building room 128), and 7 p.m. Thursday at SFU Woodwards (149 West Hastings St.).

POLICING

Spray to combat fentanyl

RCMP officers will soon be carrying naloxone nasal spray to protect themselves against accidental contact with opioids such as the potentially deadly fentanyl.

Commissioner Bob Paulson said he cannot overstate the danger of the powerful synthetic drug that has already killed thousands.

"It's spreading across the country, leaving a trail of misery and death," he said Tuesday. "First responders and the public need to know that even being near it can make you sick, or worse."

The RCMP said it will begin distributing naloxone kits to officers to use on themselves or others to reduce or reverse the effects of opioids. New procedures are also being developed for Mounties to safely handle unknown substances.

The force released a video Tuesday featuring two British Columbia officers who became sick immediately after inhaling or touching fentanyl that belonged to people they came across while on the job.

Const. Rob Dupuis of Kamloops said in the video that he responded to a call about a young man who was slumped over in the driver's seat of a vehicle that had numerous narcotics in plain view.

Dupuis said he noticed a chemical smell and became nauseous and dizzy from what he later learned was fentanyl.

"That was just after a 15-minute exposure in a vehicle," Dupuis said.

Fentanyl is a pain killer that in its illicit form is often mixed with street drugs, though users may be unaware of its presence in whatever they are taking. A few salt-sized grains of the drug can kill an adult male.

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SITE C

Indigenous Liberal MP breaks ranks

An indigenous member of the federal Liberal caucus is breaking ranks with his colleagues on B.C.'s controversial Site C project, saying he is not convinced that two First Nations were properly consulted about the multibillion-dollar hydroelectric project.

Robert-Falcon Ouellette, MP for Winnipeg Centre, said Tuesday he still has questions about a July decision by the Fisheries and Oceans Department authorizing construction of the dam on the Peace River.

Ouellette said he plans to raise the issue with Fisheries Minister Dominic LeBlanc when Parliament resumes next week.

"I'm hoping I will … find some reasoning behind this decision and why it was made," he said in an interview.

"I'm not convinced that, after having spoken with some of the people who were travelling across the country, that they have been consulted and talked to and I'm not sure even that we meet the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."

Ouellette's comments come after First Nations leaders and activists condemned the federal government's approach to the Site C dam project during a Tuesday rally on Parliament Hill.

The group travelled by bus to Ottawa from B.C., making stops along the way to raise awareness about their opposition to the project that would create an 83-kilometre-long reservoir and flood farmland along with traditional First Nations territory.

The Fisheries Department maintains the July permit approval followed "extensive First Nations consultations."

"I recognize that there are those opposed to the B.C. Hydro clean energy project at Site C, but I also know that the regulatory process leading to the recent authorization to proceed was thorough and included comprehensive consultations with indigenous groups and other stakeholders," LeBlanc said in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A two-year-old girl at the heart of a court fight between her foster parents and the province walks with her foster father in Butchart Gardens. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Foster parents fight to adopt

FAMILIES

Métis toddler at centre of court battle

A B.C. foster couple is refusing to give up their fight to adopt a Métis toddler they've raised almost since birth, even after the province's highest court ruled against them.

On Tuesday, the Court of Appeal of B.C. dismissed two appeals launched by the Vancouver Island couple, whose emotional case has pitted the importance of indigenous heritage against that of blood relatives.

The couple hopes to stop the Ministry of Children and Family Development from moving the little girl to Ontario to live with her older sisters, whom she has never met, and their adoptive parents.

The foster mom is Métis while the adoptive parents are not, and the couple has argued the girl's aboriginal background should take precedence. The girl, who is nearly three, went into the couple's care two days after she was born.

The appeal court ruled in a written decision that the ministry is the legal guardian and has the authority to select her adoptive parents. The courts cannot circumvent provincial law to make an adoption order, the five-judge panel said.

The foster mom, who cannot be identified to protect the child's identity, said in an email she and her husband remain hopeful.

"A child's life should not be decided on technicalities. We believe that someone is going to consider the needs of the child first and foremost. Isn't that what this should be all about?"

The couple's lawyer, Jack Hittrich, said the appeal court ruled Tuesday against a temporary injunction to keep the child in B.C. while the couple seeks leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. Hittrich said he would ask Canada's top court for an emergency hearing on a preservation order to maintain the status quo while the couple's case is considered.

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NANAIMO

Chaotic truck hijacking leads to damage, dog bite

Police say they've arrested a man who donned a mask before confronting a driver and hijacking his truck from a home in Nanaimo. RCMP say the 35-year-old suspect drove into a driveway and produced a firearm before jumping into a car. Police say the men struggled, the mask came off and he lost hold of the gun while the vehicle was driven into the house. RCMP say the pair then exited the truck and continued fighting but the suspect got back in the car and left. The homeowner called RCMP, and officers spotted his car before arresting him when he pulled into a parking lot, where he was bitten by a. The man who is known to police was taken into custody and the gun turned out to be an imitation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Global Fund gives hope to Zimbabwe activist

MONTREAL

Loyce Maturu leads charge in fighting AIDS, tuberculosis

Loyce Maturu sat in the darkened railway committee room of the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday watching a video of two fellow African activists — a Kenyan mother and daughter — playing for a reception of several dozen invited guests.

Maturu, of Zimbabwe, outlived her own mother, who succumbed to AIDS and tuberculosis along with Maturu's sole sibling, a brother who only made it to his sixth birthday.

"It really makes me feel that had the Global Fund been in Zimbabwe earlier, my mother and my younger brother would be alive today and I wouldn't have gone through many challenges," Maturu said.

The 24-year-old woman persevered and was in Ottawa in full activist mode Tuesday, ahead of this weekend's international pledging conference in Montreal to replenish the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will lead an international cast of politicians, philanthropists and celebrities, including UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, Bill and Melinda Gates and the Irish rock star and activist Bono in an attempt to raise $13 billion to carry the fund through its next three years.

Canada already committed $785 million earlier this spring, when Trudeau announced he would host the conference.

The conference will come days before Trudeau travels to New York, to attend the annual UN General Assembly meeting. He is expected to give his maiden address to the world body.

Trudeau's office says he will be pushing an agenda of "diversity, human rights, the need for gender equality," aimed at furthering the, 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

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Loyce Maturu was in activist mode Tuesday, ahead of this weekend's international pledging conference in Montreal to replenish the Global Fund. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

GATINEAU

'Sexist' campus game investigated

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

The director of Gatineau's Université du Québec en Outaouais says he won't stand for sexual harassment on his campus after a highly sexual game sparked an angry backlash last week.

As part of Les Jeux de la Communication, an annual competition between francophone universities, the UQO's team leaders circulated a list of tasks — called the 12 Labours of Hercules — that awarded points for things like kissing a girl, snapping a photo of an exposed bra and taking part in a wet T-shirt contest.

The game was widely condemned on social media as perpetuating rape culture on campus. The event's three leaders have since stepped down.

University director Denis Harrisson has launched an investigation into the students' conduct, which could mean even heavier consequences for the game's creators. "Management at UQO does not tolerate sexist conduct, nor discrimination or sexual harassment," Harrisson said in a statement. "Sexual harassment in its various manifestations is unacceptable. This commitment on our part must be shared by teachers, students, staff of the university and by the associations and unions, because we are all concerned by this."

IN BRIEF

Ford to tour to tout Ford book

A new book about Rob Ford and his family will "rock" the political and media worlds, Doug Ford announced Tuesday, saying he would be touring the country to promote the book, titled Ford Nation: Two Brothers, One Vision — The True Story of the People's Mayor.

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Trump 'not fit in any way': Obama

U.S. ELECTION

President makes case for Clinton and his own track record

After a bruising weekend for Democrats, President Barack Obama on Tuesday mounted a vigorous defence of Hillary Clinton, her campaign's transparency and her fitness for the presidency, and blasted Republicans as fanning "anger and hate."

Obama painted a stark picture of the stakes in the face-off between Clinton and Republican rival Donald Trump and tried to persuade Democrats in make-or-break Pennsylvania he's all-in behind his former secretary of state and his onetime rival.

"Hillary Clinton is steady and she is true," Obama told a group of Democrats at an outdoor rally.

Obama aggressively stepped into a void left by Clinton, who is taking time off from campaigning after being diagnosed with pneumonia.

Without mentioning Clinton's health, Obama dove into the political fallout of Sunday's episode in New York. To an audience of roughly 6,000 supporters in downtown Philadelphia, Obama argued that Clinton has been more transparent in providing health and financial records than her rival, as well as releasing her past tax returns while Trump refuses to release his.

Even more, he described the former New York senator who ran against him for the Democratic nomination in 2008 as the most qualified presidential candidate, and Trump as "not fit in any way shape and form to represent this country and be its commander in chief."

Trump was scheduled to campaign later Tuesday in Pennsylvania.

At times during his 30-minute speech, the crowd broke into cheers of "Thank you! Thank you!"

Trump has fashioned himself as a working-class hero, Obama said, after "70 years on this earth showing no concern for working people." He accused Trump of being unprepared, unserious and "not a facts guy."

At the rally, Obama made both the case for Clinton and for his own presidency. He claimed successes on diplomacy, health care, winding down the war in Afghanistan and reviving economy.

"Thanks, Obama," the president joked, turning a popular internet meme on its head.

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After waiting 11 years to marry her groom, a flat tire wasn't going to stop a determined New Hampshire bride from walking down the aisle on her special day.

With her limo rendered inoperable along an infrequently travelled road in Brookline, Angelique Arsenault stuck out her thumb and hitchhiked to the wedding venue in nearby Milford on Saturday.

Arsenault says her bridal party just laughed after receiving word of the flat tire from their driver.

With confidence fuelled by champagne, Arsenault in her white dress was able to flag down a passing motorist who gladly helped get her to the altar — albeit 30 minutes late.

Despite the small hiccup, Arsenault says the rest of her wedding was "amazing" and she now has a story her family will remember forever.

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Angelique Arsenault waited 11 years to marry her groom. So when her limo got a flat tire, she didn't let that keep her from her dream day. CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

Muslim woman says man set her blouse on fire

A Muslim woman wearing traditional clothing has told police that a man lit her blouse on fire in New York City. Police say the 35-year-old tourist told them she felt heat on her arm Saturday night in midtown Manhattan and noticed her blouse was on fire. She said she patted out the fire and noticed a man standing nearby holding a lighter. She said the man then walked away.

The New York Police Department hate crimes task force is investigating it as a possible bias crime. There have been no arrests.

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Al-Qaida affiliate denounces Syrian truce

With much of Syria calm for the past 24 hours, a powerful al-Qaida-linked group sharply criticized the U.S.-Russian-brokered ceasefire, saying Tuesday its real aim was to keep President Bashar Assad in power. The group was in talks with other rebel factions for a merger, a move that could dash hopes of distancing it from the wider insurgency and sabotage the truce.

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Canada's exotic appetites growing

FOOD

Fine dining restaurants drive surge for unusual meat

Once a week Peter Sanagan brings a whole wild boar carcass to his Toronto butcher shop. He divvies it up into chops and other cuts, selling it to adventurous eaters who wander into the Kensington Market store.

While more familiar meats like beef and pork account for up to 90 per cent of sales at Sanagan's Meat Locker, the remainder comes from people seeking so-called exotic meats like wild boar. Game birds are popular, too. "When in season, we'll have things ... like pheasants and partridges and squabs, wild turkey," Sanagan says.

Though exotic meat consumption is not well tracked, demand for it appears to be rising and some industry insiders and watchers say that's likely to continue as foodie culture grows.

In Canada, consumption of less traditional meats like horse, venison, camel, rabbit and game grew 10.6 per cent a year between 2010 and 2015, according to estimates from market research firm Euromonitor International.

Fine-dining restaurants are the main drivers of these types of meats' surge in popularity, according to Michael von Massow, an assistant professor at the University of Guelph.

Diners are seeking a culinary experience they can't get at home, he says. "Restaurants are pushing the envelope to try and give us an experience," says von Massow.

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CAFÉS

Starbucks ready to post calorie counts

Starbucks customers will soon have another consideration besides price when deciding between that grande and venti — calories.

The coffee behemoth says it's going to start posting calorie counts on all its menu boards across Canada starting Sept. 29, with pastry-case labeling to follow on Nov. 2.

"We will be the largest national retailer to fully provide caloric information on menu boards in store," said Starbucks Canada president Rossann Williams, who will make the announcement Wednesday.

The java chain is getting the jump on a new Ontario menu law that takes effect in January. By 2017, all restaurants, fast-food locations, movie theatres, supermarkets and convenience stores that serve hot food with 20 or more locations in the province must post calorie counts for each item on their menus, menu boards, on tags in display cases and at drive-thrus.

Seattle-based Starbucks already made the move in 2013 in the U.S.

Another chain that started early in Ontario is the Firkin Group of Pubs, which released a new menu in May that includes calorie counts for each dish at its chain of 27 restaurants — though the lettering is rather tiny. The act says calorie counts must be displayed "in at least the same size, font, format and prominence as the name/price of the standard food item."

Major chains including McDonald's Canada, Cineplex and Cara Foods — which owns Swiss Chalet, Harvey's, Montana's, Milestones, Casey's, Biermarkt, Kelsey's, New York Fries, Prime Pubs and East Side Mario's — have confirmed that they are working on it and will be compliant by January.

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How many calories are in this chile mocha latte? Starbucks will soon reveal it on their menus. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Rise in rates trouble for some, TransUnion says

Up to a million Canadian borrowers could face problems paying their debts if interest rates rise by a full percentage point including some of the highest rated consumers, a report by TransUnion suggests. The agency said while most Canadians will not be impacted in the near term by an interest rate increase, there is a "material subset" that may be challenged.

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EMMA TEITEL ON MILLENNIALS' JOB WOES

MP Niki Ashton is in the middle of a cross-country tour of sorts, hosting town halls on the subject of precarious employment, listening to the grievances of young people from coast to coast

Early last week, on a stormy evening in downtown Toronto, 34-year-old New Democrat MP Niki Ashton led a town hall discussion about "Precarious Work in the Millennial Generation."

Ashton, MP for the Manitoba riding of Churchill-Keewatinook Aski and is the NDP critic for jobs, employment, and workplace development, spoke to a group of about 40 people — most of them under 40 — in a drab room at the United Steelworkers Hall.

At the back of the room on a table near the door, there was complimentary coffee in self-serve, cardboard carriers from a nearby Krispy Kreme. And up front, there was a lot of anxiety.

A nearly broke 30-year-old sommelier and waiter lamented the lack of advanced scheduling and regulation in his industry; "my dream," he said, "is to be in the black."

A woman, who said she was there speaking on behalf of her 20-year-old niece, asked Ashton what could be done about employers who take advantage of their young charges.

And a young man who said he worked in the Trump hotel, of all places, told a story of bad bosses and worse luck.

Almost everyone sought lower tuition fees, a $15 or $20 minimum wage and an end to a culture of crappy contracts for young people that offer no security.

Some liked the idea of "floating benefits," a dental plan, for example, that follows a person from job to job. Others, in traditional NDP fashion, wanted everything and more: an overhaul of the system as we know it.

Ashton took notes and like a northern Obama, she thanked "folks" for sharing. But she couldn't and can't — at least not yet — offer anything in the way of a policy antidote to their woes.

Elected officials, like our crotchety uncle, love stories about that 'one guy' who confirms everything wrong with kids these days.

VOICE OF A GENERATION Niki Ashton is helping young people get jobs in a precarious labour market. She has been holding a series of meetings and interviews across the country to find out the depth of the problem. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

This is because the MP is in the middle of a cross-country tour of sorts, hosting town halls on the subject of precarious employment, listening to the grievances of young people from Halifax to the West Coast who feel they will never be able to settle down, have kids or (the biggest long shot, especially in Toronto and Vancouver) buy a house.

Ashton will present the findings of her tour — and, she hopes, some policy solutions to the problem of precarious employment — at a forum in Ottawa at the end of October.

The MP sat down with me the morning after she led the town hall in Toronto, and though she couldn't tell me in specific terms how she would make life better for the 18-34 demographic, she did tell me this: In order to achieve any meaningful change, we need to first dismantle the popular stereotypes that millennials are "lazy" and "disinterested."

"This requires a shift in mentality," Ashton said, highlighting the fact that after she writes about precarious labour on social media, "I still have to go on my own politician Facebook page and erase comments like, 'Oh get a job.'"

The narrative of the ingrate millennial is so entrenched in our culture, she said, it turns up in places where people should really know better.

For example, Ashton told me that in the spring, she was at a committee meeting on employment insurance when a witness "went on and on about how millennials just don't want to work."

"This person made reference to some guy bringing his mom to a job interview," Ashton said, "and even though the meeting was about EI and not this one guy, this is what my colleagues on both aisles chose to hook onto."

There was no evidence, she said, as to who "this guy" was or whether he was representative of a larger group of lazy people his age, and yet some of the older policy-makers in the room determined that "this was a real problem."

Yes, apparently, our elected officials, just like your crotchety uncle, enjoy sharing stories about that "one guy" who just so happens to confirm everything wrong with kids these days.

The funny thing, however, is that Ashton — a member of Gen Y, albeit an old one (her contemporaries include Nicki Minaj, 33, and Drake, 29) — has been characterized as a stereotypically flaky and hypersensitive millennial herself.

This was evident when she took a day trip to the campaign offices of Bernie Sanders earlier this year, and was more or less characterized in the press as a kid playing hooky to see a rock concert. "I guess I hit a slow news day," she recalled. "Because everybody and their dog was into it."

And who can forget Elbowgate in May, when Ashton made the ill-advised and, frankly, absurd suggestion that Trudeau's accidental elbowing of a fellow MP on the floor of the House of Commons contributed to an unsafe workplace for women.

In the end, then, Ashton isn't just battling negative perceptions about an entire generation, but negative perceptions about herself, too.

She hopes, however, that by making the issue of precarious millennial labour official, via "town halls" like the one she conducted last week, older leaders and perhaps the public at large will have a change of heart.

I hope so, too.

Emma Teitel is a national columnist for the Toronto Star.

You know what's really unlikable? A label that's unfairly applied to women

Vicky Mochama
For Metro

Hillary Clinton is the least likable Democratic presidential candidate in history.

So we've been continually told. (And unfortunately there are no metrics attesting to Polk's temperament in 1844.)

Likability is one of the many traps for women, alongside the gender pay gap. Others include lack of free birth control and 98 types of volumizing mascara. The reasons that Clinton scores low on likeability can seem important and serious, and yet those reasons are entirely gendered.

In a post for Humans of New York, she writes about learning to keep her feelings in check: "I had to learn as a young woman to control my emotions. And that's a hard path to walk. Because you need to protect yourself, you need to keep steady, but at the same time you don't want to seem 'walled off.'"

Ever since, Hillary, like many women, has been adding bricks to the wall around her emotions. It's a familiar trope. For women who work with men, protecting emotions are also about protecting yourself from the feelings — anger among them — of men. If Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did but backwards and in heels, then she probably never showed how much it hurt or told him when ideas were actually hers.

Likability is a lie wrapped in data that says very little about the kind of leader you might be getting. With enough media training and staged affability, even the Terminator could achieve a sort of Dennis the Menace-like charm.

When applied to female politicians, likability takes a dangerous turn. It takes so little for a woman to become a "bitch," but there's hardly an equivalent term for men. (Go on, think of a word, I'll wait.)

A woman has to take the right tone, wear the right clothes, laugh at the jokes of men who truly aren't funny and allow others to take her ideas. Countless advice books teach women how to make themselves smaller and more palatable. And most of those books are written by white women. What's one to do if one's hair is different or if it's covered? What about larger ladies or those who weren't born women?

Likability doesn't get things done. If it did, Tom Hanks would be president.

In over forty years of public life, Clinton has gotten things done. Saying Hillary is the least likable candidate sounds to me like saying, "She's the candidate most like a successful woman."

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Neruda: A melodic game of cat and mouse

In Neruda, **Gael Garcia Bernal plays Óscar Peluchonneau**, a wiry moustachioed cop hunting down the Chilean poet. On Tuesday, it was revealed the film is Chile's Oscar submission for next year.
HANDOUT

INTERVIEW

Cast brings a little bit of Latin America to Canada

Eva Salinas
For Metro Canada

While sitting down for a taco lunch Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel in Toronto, actor Gael Garcia Bernal politely addresses a waiter: "Excuse me — I'm Mexican," he says.

"And I'm Chilean," adds director Pablo Larrain, next to him.

This is no personal introduction to the wait staff — it's a request for hot sauce.

A little more Latin America in Canada, please.

But spice aside, Garcia Bernal and Larrain had already boosted the Latin presence at the Toronto International Film Festival this week when they arrived to premiere Neruda, an alt-biopic of the renowned Chilean poet Pablo Neruda. They were also joined by cast member Luis Gnecco, who plays the title role, to discuss the film, poetry, art, and Latin American culture.

"What I'm impressed about and makes me feel like a spectator of the movie, in the best sense of the word, is how (Larrain and writer Guillermo Calderon) intertwined everything so that all of a sudden, without knowing, the audience is like 'S—, I'm inside a poem,'" Garcia Bernal says.

Garcia Bernal plays a wiry, mustachioed cop hunting down the communist poet — who at the time was wanted for arrest — all the while doing a bit of soul searching of his own. The result is a melodic game of cat and mouse, with beautiful Chile as the backdrop.

Larrain says the cop character wasn't included in the original treatment of the film when they set out to write it five years ago.

"I said to my brother (producer Juan de Dios Larrain) we can't make this movie, forget it. We can't make a docudrama or, like, a Sunday night show about Neruda, it would be impossible. So we brought in the cop and that's when the fun started: the friction between two characters."

It's a reunion for the three who worked together on Larrain's 2012 film, No, in which Garcia Bernal played an ad executive out to persuade Chileans to vote 'No' against dictator Augusto Pinochet in the 1988 plebiscite.

Both Garcia Bernal and Larrain have other films at TIFF this year — the former acting in Werner Herzog's Salt and Fire and Larrain with his buzzed-about Jackie, another alt-biopic about Jacqueline Kennedy, starring Natalie Portman.

But it is Neruda that tells the story of one of the most influential, complex and adored Latin American artists — a nod to the trio's love not only for film and art, but to telling stories from home.

"He was a communist; he was an expert on food; a collector; he was expert on crime novels; he loved women. And he was probably one of the most important writers of our language," Larrain says.

A little bit of Latin America, indeed.

"He was one probably one of the most important writers of our language

Director Pablo Larrain, on poet Pablo Neruda, portrayed in his film by Luis Gnecco, pictured left

LITERATURE

Two Canadian authors shortlisted for Man Booker Prize

Two Canadian authors have made the short list of six writers for the Man Booker Prize.

Vancouver-born Madeleine Thien and Montreal native David Szalay were nominated in London early Tuesday along with two American and two British authors also vying for the prestigious award.

Szalay, who is now based in Hungary, received the nomination for his book All That Man Is (McClelland & Stewart.)

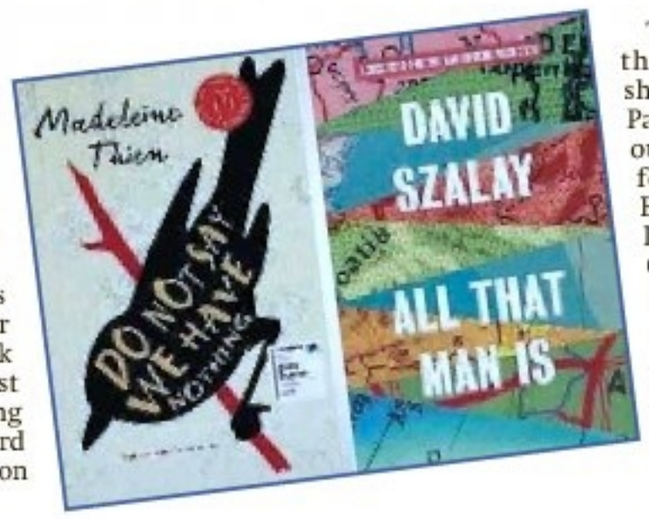
The story is set in various European cities and follows the lives of men at different stages in their lives, from their teens through old age.

Thien was recognized for Do Not Say We Have Nothing (Knopf Canada). The story is set in China before, during and after the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests.

Thien, now based in Montreal, told The Canadian Press last month when she made the Man Booker long list that the heart of her story involves three Chinese musicians who are studying Western classical music at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music in the 1960s.

The novel explores the revolution that occurred under Mao Zedong and the many political campaigns that pulled apart people's lives.

Thien's book was also longlisted for Canada's ScotiaBank Giller Prize just last week. The winning author of that award will be announced on Nov. 7.



The other authors on the Man Booker Prize short list are Americans Paul Beatty for The Sellout and Ottessa Moshfegh for Eileen plus British writers Deborah Levy for Hot Milk and Graeme Macrae Burnet for His Bloody Project.

Founded in 1969, the award had previously been open to writers from Britain, Ireland and the Commonwealth, but was expanded in 2014 to include all English-language authors.

The winner of the 50,000 pound (C$87,000) prize will be named on Oct. 25. Each of the six writers on the short list receive 2,500 pounds (C$4,300)

The British literary award, which usually brings the victor a huge sales boost, is named after its sponsor, financial services firm Man Group PLC.

Jamaican writer Marlon James won the 2015 Man Brooker Prize for his book A Brief History of Seven Killings.

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ROSE REISMAN
THE SAVVY EATER

THIS WEEK: Lunch on the go

If occasionally you've got to grab lunch for the kids on the go, choose wisely.

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Subway Kid's Pak: Turkey Mini Sub and Apple Slices

Calories 230
Fat 2.5g
Sodium 465mg

SKIP THIS

Schneiders Lunchmate Turkey Stackers

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Sodium 880mg

HERE'S WHY

Equivalent to 10 McDonald Mini Fries in sodium

A homemade lunch is always best, but sometimes we give in to a fast food treat, especially if we're short on time. While your kids may love building their own lunch, as with Lunchmate Turkey Stackers, keep in mind that the turkey is smoked and contains sodium nitrites, the cheese is processed — and to boot, a chocolate bar for dessert! This packaged lunch offers up little nutritional value, excess fat and an abundance of sodium. A Subway mini turkey sub on a 9-grain bread with apple slices is a better pick, with less calories, half the sodium and a fraction of the fat.

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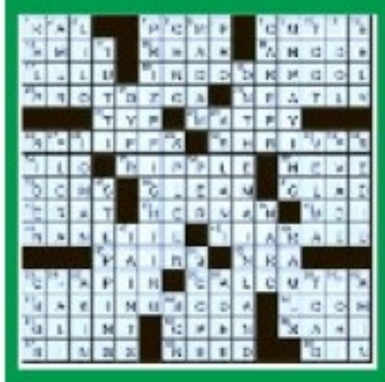

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Angela Liddon just keeps on glowing

INTERVIEW

Vegan blogger continues to build her healthy empire

It's a sweltering day in a record hot summer and Angela Liddon, nearly eight months pregnant, is on her feet in — where else? — the kitchen of her Oakville, Ont. home. Yet she couldn't look more cool and content.

The author, photographer and vegan blogging sensation behind ohsheglows.com answers questions about her rise to foodie fame while she measures tablespoons of freshly squeezed lemon juice and maple syrup for marinade.

This Oakville kitchen is the epicentre of the Oh She Glows enterprise, which includes her website, The Oh She Glows Cookbook, which has sold 300,000 copies and is available in multiple languages, and a recipe app. Her second book, Oh She Glows Every Day, hits shelves this weekend while her first is still a fixture on bestseller lists.

Liddon burst onto the scene just as the food-as-lifestyle movement was taking off. She launched her blog in 2008, the same year she and Eric married and celebrity Gwyneth Paltrow launched Goop.

She started with a two-paragraph blog post on Halloween. Her second was titled Is Anyone Out There? Turns out there was — more than 1.2 million unique visitors a month, according to Eric, who handles technical and business operations.

Magazines have called Liddon a "trendsetter" and "healthy living guru." But that was never her career plan. She didn't grow up cooking, and didn't bake her first pie until age 25. Meals in her household were a matter of getting food on the table.

After earning her Masters in social psychology, she worked as a researcher before walking away to pursue a new dream.

The decision came at a tumultuous time in her life. Her longtime love-hate relationship with food had turned into an eating disorder, which she describes as a 10-year "vicious cycle of basically starving myself for a few days and then binge eating and feeling guilty and sick."

Therapists helped her realize something had to change.

Eating disorders aren't about food, she says, but gradually shifting what she ate changed her attitude while recovering.

"It helped me realize food is not the enemy, that it can make you feel energized and good."

Her first year posts ranged from giddy to confessional. To this day she still uses a lot of exclamation marks and opts for earnest over edgy.

Readers quickly responded to the passages that dug deeper.

"What the pictures don't show are the tough times," she began one of her early posts.

They were hooked. So was she.

She launched a home business making and selling her Glo Bar granola bars for two years before signing a book deal to assemble her most popular blog recipes, from Green Monster smoothies to 15-minute Creamy Avocado Pasta.

Her books don't include nutritional information, something she says she struggles with because she doesn't want the recipes to be about counting calories or carbs. But those details can be found for Oh She Glows Every Day recipes on her website.

The new book, which she describes as family-friendly, relies less on nuts, which some readers complained were too expensive. There are more seed-based dishes and many recipes include nut-free, gluten-free and soy-free options.

She acknowledges that the glossy images and tips for making homemade almond milk and coconut butter may not capture the daily reality for frazzled parents.

"I think you can look at a book like this and think 'oh gosh, I'll never be able to do this,'" she says.

But, "I feel like my approach is very encouraging and very positive, and I try not to preach. It's all about people enjoying the food and hoping it makes them happy and feel good."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

RECIPE OH SHE GLOWS EVERYDAY

This mild, savoury dish was popular among family members who aren't curry fans and those who claim they only like it hot. There's something about the mellow flavour and slight sweetness of the coconut milk that pleases both palates and also makes it kid-friendly. Serve on a bed of rice or other grains. Liddon notes that after the sweet potatoes are cooked, you can mash about a third of the mixture for thicker sauce.

Sweet potato, chickpea and spinach coconut curry

Ingredients:

- 4 tsp (20 mL) virgin coconut oil
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) cumin seeds
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- Pinch of salt
- 3 large gloves garlic, minced
- 4 tsp (20 mL) grated fresh ginger
- 1 tsp (5 mL) each: ground turmeric, ground coriander
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) red pepper flakes
- cups (750 mL) 2 medium, peeled and cut into half-inch (1 cm) dice sweet potato, about
- 3
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) cooked or canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) diced tomatoes, with juices
- 1 14-oz (398 mL) can light coconut milk
- 4 cups (1 L) lightly packed baby spinach
- 3/4 tsp (4 mL) fine sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Optional garnishes: chopped cilantro, unsweetened large-flake coconut, lime wedges

Directions:

1. In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium heat until a cumin seed tossed into it sizzles. Add cumin seeds and toast about one minute, until fragrant and slightly darkened. Stir in onion and salt and cook 3 to 5 minutes, until onion is soft and translucent.

2. Add garlic, ginger, turmeric, coriander and red pepper flakes. Stir and sauté a couple of minutes until garlic softens.

3. Add sweet potato, chickpeas, tomatoes and coconut milk. Stir to combine, cover and simmer over medium-low heat for 20 to 30 minutes, until potatoes are fork tender.

4. Stir in spinach and cook until wilted. Add the salt and pepper.

5. Garnish with cilantro, coconut and, if desired, lime wedges to squeeze over top. Store in airtight container in fridge up to 5 days or freeze up to one month.

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2018 Kia Rio revealed with all-new design

Smaller SUV more suited to the city

HANDOUT

REVIEW

New Acadia offers better efficiency, handling

Jonathan Yarkony
AutoGuide.com

In any segment, there are always outliers at the extremes of the spectrum, while the majority sit somewhere in the middle.

The GMC Acadia and its platform twins were at the larger end of the spectrum, with one of the bigger footprints and interiors in the "midsize" crossover segment.

That is all about to change.

GM is spreading out its range, with GMC inheriting this smaller midsize platform from the Cadillac XT5 and delivering proper five-seat compacts like the Envision, while Chevrolet and Buick are sticking with larger midsizers like the current Traverse and Enclave.

With the Acadia shrinking, logic dictates that the Terrain will similarly shrink to retain the same spacing between models in the GMC lineup.

With the 2017 GMC Acadia, GM is targeting the middle, and perhaps even going to the opposite extreme, chopping about 18 centimetres from its length and wheelbase. It's now shorter than anything in the segment except the Kia Sorento, and one of the narrowest) as well.

The size reduction has resulted in huge weight savings and added maneuverability, which offers huge benefits in the fuel efficiency and handling departments, and with a smaller turning radius, it is now far better suited for city life.

While it's no MINI, the far more compact footprint was a relief when driving through Vancouver, B.C., a city with notoriously narrow lanes and tight roads.

GMC is able to offer a more modest powertrain option in addition to a V6, which was the only way to get the previous generation. This engine is new to GMC, but previous experience in other GM models equipped with the same powertrain showed its smoothness and power should be good for the Acadia's much more modest weight.

The drive from Whistler to Vancouver was a perfect route to see the cylinder deactivation in action, as the descents allowed the engine to take it easy and only run on four pots.

Of course, it was the ascent that proved the real value of the V6, making easy work of any steep climbs, and living up to GM's refinement claims as it quietly went about its business even when accelerating hard up an incline.

We did not test the towing capacity, but the power certainly felt sufficient, while its balanced, stable ride also should contribute to comfortable trailering. Even the steering is much improved, appropriately light

The 2017 GMC Acadia is firmly in the middle of the segment and offers exactly the mix of capability and convenience that consumers are looking for in a midsize crossover segment.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 GMC ACADIA

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.5L 4-cyl; 3.6L V6
Power: 193 hp/255 lb-ft; 310 hp/271 lb-ft
Transmission: Six-speed automatic
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 11.0/9.2 (2.5 FWD); 11.2/9.4 (2.5 AWD); 13.0/9.3 (3.6 FWD); 13.3/9.5 (3.6 AWD)
Price: Starts at $34,995

LOVE IT

- Lighter, nimbler, more efficient
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- Smooth powertrain

LEAVE IT

- Limited cargo space
- Cramped third row
- Generic styling

BATTERIES

Powering up the next-generation

Sami Haj-Assaad
AutoGuide.com

Electric vehicles are seen as a global saviour, something that can help fix the damage internal combustion has wreaked on the environment.

More research and testing is going into developing and improving the components in EVs, but nothing is more important than the car's battery.

Most EVs currently use a lithium-ion batteries, but they have a low energy density. That means that for their size, they don't pack much power.

But there are alternatives that could change the way electric cars work in the future.

Nanotube Lithium-Ion

Nanotubes are long microscopic threads that can store and release more ions than a traditional lithium-ion battery. They can discharge and charge faster than most batteries, because, well, they're not real batteries — they're more of a supercapacitor. These nanotubes can be layered like sheets and are combined with Graphene (an extremely thin, strong layer of pure carbon) to make a storage system.

Lithium Air

One solution to make lithium batteries more energy dense is to use carbon instead of heavier metals. The carbon would react with oxygen to make electricity, but although it's called lithium air, it's still a type of battery. IBM has been researching and developing these batteries in order to provide a new type of energy storage for electric vehicles.

Solid State Batteries

Solid state batteries shun the liquid materials used in current lithium-ion batteries and do away with that lithium air idea. Instead, it uses non-volatile materials that are stable at high temperatures. That's a big deal because extreme temperatures wear out current batteries, which reduces their effectiveness. Solid state batteries, in comparison, would be safer and longer lasting.

Several companies are investing a lot of money into this technology, including Dyson.

WHEELS NEWS IN BRIEF

Water Injection System from the BMW M4 GTS will Spread to other cars

BMW's new water injection system that debuted under the hood of the M4 GTS is set to spread. The system was designed through a collaboration between BMW and Bosch, which expects to put it into mainstream production by 2019. Water injection brings numerous benefits, the most important of which is increased efficiency and emissions reductions. STEPHEN ELMER/AUTOGUIDE.COM

Audi all-electric flagship to arrive by 2020

Audi has a new range-topping all-electric luxury car in the works that will likely be called the A9 e-tron. This car will serve as the pinnacle of the German automaker's all-electric car lineup, sitting above a new A3 e-tron and the upcoming Q6 e-tron SUV. Range on a single charge is expected to be 500 kilometers for the A9 e-tron while performance is said to match the Tesla Model S.
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Modern concept soon to be a reality

VARSOVA

Futuristic Polish car concept will be produced

Seemingly coming out of nowhere, a Polish company has unveiled a futuristic concept for an electric luxury sedan. The Varsovia Motor Company, which is based in Warsaw, Poland, said this concept will actually be produced, although in limited numbers. The sedan, which does away with a grille and has a unique diamond pattern in its body panels, seems to be an electric car with a range extender, kind of like the Chevrolet Volt. The drive is powered by electrical engines, but a small internal combustion engine can be used as a generator to power those engines if the battery is depleted. Range on a full charge is 350 kilometres and with the range extender, range is increased by an additional 500 kilometres. Varsovia claims a zero-to-100 km/h time of under five seconds and a maximum speed of more than 200 km/h.

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STUDY

Mercedes owners ready for self-driving

Luxury car owners are most likely to adopt the self-driving future, but most consumers still aren't ready to buy a self-driving car. According to a new survey from MaritzCX that polled 12,353 vehicle owners, about 27 per cent of Mercedes-Benz and Infiniti drivers say they are "very interested" in buying a self-driving car, the most from any brand. Owners of Jeeps and Dodges were the least interested. In total, 48 per cent of those polled aren't interested in buying a self-driving car.

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The Red Hot Chili Peppers are set to perform at the L.A. Rams' home-opening return to the City of Angels this Sunday

Davies delivers at death

CONCACAF CHAMPS LEAGUE

Injury-time winner sends Whitecaps into last eight

TUESDAY In Kansas City

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WHITECAPS	SPORTING KC

Let's call it a teenage dream. Vancouver Whitecaps marched into the quarter-finals of the CONCACAF Champions League for the first time in their history on Tuesday night — courtesy of an injury-time winner from 15-year-old phenom Alphonso Davies.

The winger's age was just one startling number on a historic night for Carl Robinson's side, who had to bide their time before sealing qualification for the last eight with a 2-1 victory over Sporting Kansas City.

The game at Children's Mercy Park took over four hours from start to finish as some chaotic weather interrupted proceedings. There was a delay of well over an hour during the first half when it looked as though the tie may fall victim to the lightning storms.

The Whitecaps didn't let the delays get to them and caught the hosts napping soon after the resumption of hostilities when Davies played provider, passing through for Erik Hurtado to slot home the opener.

Vancouver Whitecaps forward Alphonso Davies moves against Sporting KC's Ike Opara Tuesday. ORLIN WAGNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sporting KC's fate in the competition hung in the balance and they weren't going down without a fight, Diego Rubio's equalizer on 55 minutes giving the home team new life.

A draw looked likely for much of the remainder of the game but up stepped Davies.

The Canadian youth sensation latched on to a Kyle Greig pass and powered the winner past Tim Melia with the aid of a deflection.

It ensured the Whitecaps maintained their 100 per cent record in the competition as they qualified for the knockout round with a game to spare.

Elsewhere on Tuesday Maximiliano Urruti scored twice and Mauro Diaz had a goal and three assists to help FC Dallas beat the New England Revolution 4-2 for the U.S. Open Cup title.

Dallas won its first Open Cup championship since 1997 — which was under its previous name of the Burn — to earn a spot in the 2017 CONCACAF Champions League. METRO, WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIO2016

Rivard ruling the pool

Canadian swimmer Aurelie Rivard added another gold to the collection of Paralympic medals she's carefully stashing out of sight in her suitcase.

The 20-year-old from Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., won the 100-metre freestyle on Tuesday, her third medal of the Rio Paralympics, and second gold. Then she planned to tuck it away to savour later.

"Because even if I win, my meet is not done, I still have three races to go," Rivard said. "So I really just want to focus as much as I can on my races and after that, I'm going to think about the medals and what I accomplished.

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Canada has 14 medals, including four gold and eight silver.

"Once my meet is over, this is when I'm going to start to realize this happened. I wanted the gold and I got it."

Rivard's was one of two medals on the night for the swim team. Tess Routliffe of Caledon, Ont., captured a silver in the women's 200 individual medley.

Elsewhere, both Canadian goalball teams advanced to quarter-finals after completing round-robin play.

Canada's women's wheelchair basketball team was left fighting back tears after a 78-60 quarter-final loss to the Netherlands.

In track and field, blind runner Jason Dunkerley and his guide Josh Karanja, both of Ottawa, ran to fifth in the men's 1,500. And wheelchair racer Diane Roy of Sherbrooke, Que., was sixth in the women's 1,500 final. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Aurelie Rivard. GETTY IMAGES

WADA ATTACK

Doping hack leaks Olympians' data

Russian hackers have been blamed for breaking into a World Anti-Doping Agency database and posting confidential medical data of some American athletes online.

WADA said Tuesday the attack — which targeted Serena and Venus Williams, Simone Biles and other female members of the U.S. team which competed in Rio — was carried out by a "Russian cyber espionage group" called Fancy Bears.

The hackers revealed records of "Therapeutic Use Exemptions" (TUEs) which allow athletes to use substances that are banned unless there is a verified medical need.

WADA previously warned of cyberattacks after investigators published reports into Russian state-sponsored doping.

"These criminal acts are greatly compromising the effort by the global anti-doping community to re-establish trust in Russia," WADA's Olivier Niggli said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Canucks sign new trio

The Vancouver Canucks announced on Tuesday that the club has signed three players to professional try-out contracts, including veteran right winger Tuomo Ruutu. Vancouver also signed centre James Sheppard and goaltender Kevin Carr.

The 33-year-old Ruutu played 33 games with the Devils last season and has 148 goals and 346 points in 735 NHL games.

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NCAA

North Carolina hit hard by withdrawal

The NCAA's decision to pull seven championships out of North Carolina ratchets up the pressure on the college sports-crazy state to repeal its law on transgender bathroom use

Unlike the recent one-time cancellations by the NBA, the move by college sports chiefs could make moderate and conservative voters question whether the price tag for the law has become too high.

Economic development officials said the effect of the NCAA's action goes well beyond the projected $20 million in lost revenue from the cancellation of the 2016-17 basketball, baseball, soccer, tennis, lacrosse and golf events.

"College sports is part of the fabric of North Carolina. It's part of the culture," said Scott Dupree, of the Greater Raleigh Sports Alliance, which was co-ordinating four of the events. "That's why it hits so hard and feels so personal."

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‘Terry was running in the greatest race of all’

TERRY FOX RUN

Canada Sports Hall of Fame opens exhibit in legend’s honour

Terry Fox won no races nor set any Canadian running records. There wasn’t a frame of reference in 1980 for an above-the-knee amputee running almost a marathon daily on an artificial leg for 143 consecutive days.

An exhibit unveiled Tuesday at Canada’s Sports Hall of Fame in Calgary just days away from his namesake run would have meant a lot to Terry Fox, says younger brother Darrell.

Terry Fox saw his Marathon of Hope as much of an athletic endeavour as it was a campaign to raise money and awareness about cancer.

“Terry did not crave recognition for himself. In fact he ran away from it,” Darrell said. “He did appreciate being recognized as an athlete.

Darrell Fox looks at a bust of his brother Terry in Calgary on Tuesday. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

“He thought what he did, what he accomplished was an athletic feat, but there were no benchmarks, no standards. He wasn’t running against anyone. He was running in the greatest race of all.”

Fox lost his right leg to bone cancer at the age of 18 in 1977.

On April 12, 1980, he dipped his prosthetic leg into ocean waters off of St. John’s, N.L., to begin his cross-Canada run home to Vancouver. He was accompanied by 17-year-old Darrell and high-school buddy Doug Alward.

“We were three young guys in a stinky Ford van traversing the country one mile at a time,” Darrell recalled.

“I was a sponge to what Terry was accomplishing. I was witnessing it, I was seeing the reaction of every day Canadians on the side of the road. That’s what I experience every day now from that next generation who are learning the story. They’re not only learning the story of Terry Fox. They’re embracing it.”

The return of cancer to his lungs halted Fox in Thunder Bay, Ont., after 5,342 kilometres. Fox died June 28, 1981 at age 22.

The exhibit entitled Terry Fox: Running to the Heart of Canada and organized by the Canadian Museum of History. will remain in Calgary until Dec. 31.

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$700M

About $700 million has been raised in Terry Fox’s name for cancer treatment and research.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Celtic gets rude welcome at Barça

Lionel Messi’s first goal of the Champions League season took three minutes. Edinson Cavani needed just 44 seconds for Paris Saint-Germain. Manchester City never got the chance to start.

Messi’s fast start was the first of a hat trick in Barcelona’s 7-0 rout of Celtic, and fellow superstar forwards Neymar and Luis Suarez also scored. Celtic had a penalty saved when trailing 1-0 midway through the first half.

“It didn’t matter who we had in front us, I remember a beauty and precision that was of another class. Against that, rivals can do very little,” Barcelona coach Luis Enrique said. “It was a great way to make our entrance to the competition.”

Cavani’s even faster strike was the end of PSG’s scoring in Paris against Arsenal, and Alexis Sanchez’s late equalizer earned a 1-1 draw.

Barcelona goal-scorers Lionel Messi and Neymar. GETTY IMAGES

RESULTS

- **Bayern 5,** FC Rostov 0
- **Barcelona 7,** Celtic 0
- Benfica 1, Besiktas 1
- Dynamo Kyiv 1, **Napoli 2**
- FC Basel 1, Ludogorets 1
- PSV 0, **Atletico Madrid 1**
- Paris SG 1, Arsenal 1
- Man City-Monchengladbach*

*Postponed

Heavy rain in Manchester forced City’s game against Borussia Monchengladbach to be called off 20 minutes before kickoff.

Coach Pep Guardiola’s team will try again on Wednesday evening.

Bayern Munich, Guardiola’s former team, managed just fine under new coach Carlo Ancelotti. Russia’s Champions League newcomer Rostov was soundly beaten 5-0 in Munich. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jays fall flat against Rays

MLB

Tampa Bay rides Ramirez's 3-run homer to victory

Blue Jays starter Marcus Stroman walks back to the mound as Rays shortstop Alexei Ramirez rounds the bases on Tuesday. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Russell Martin couldn't complain about Marcus Stroman's pitches on Tuesday night.

There was one he would have liked to have back, though.

With runners on first and second in the fifth inning, Stroman threw a 93 m.p.h. two-seam fastball to Alexei Ramirez that the Tampa Bay shortstop hit over the wall to give the Rays a 3-0 lead. They never looked back en route to a 6-2 victory over the struggling Toronto Blue Jays.

"That's really the story of the day, that one pitch," Martin said.

"Just a two-seamer, maybe overthrown a little bit.... You could throw that pitch nine out of 10 times and maybe get more sink on it, get a ground ball and we're out of the inning. Unfortunately that wasn't the case right there."

Steven Souza Jr., also homered for the Rays (61-83), Logan Forsythe had an RBI and Drew Smyly (7-11) went 5-2/3 innings, allowing two runs on five hits with one walk and four strikeouts to hand Toronto it's eighth loss in 11 games.

The Blue Jays opened their September schedule by losing three consecutive series for the first time this season, slipping down the AL East standings in the process. They could lose a fourth straight series with a defeat in Wednesday afternoon's finale.

Toronto and Baltimore are tied for the first AL wild card after the Orioles beat Boston 6-3 on Tuesday. Both clubs are two games back of the Red Sox for top spot in the division.

Stroman knows things need to change if the Blue Jays want to make the post-season for a second straight year.

"My stuff feels great, but we're in September and we're at the point where we need to be getting wins so it's frustrating," he said. "We need to start winning games here."

Stroman (9-8) allowed three runs on four hits with four strikeouts and four walks over six innings.

Martin hit a two-run homer for the Blue Jays (79-65).

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TUESDAY In Toronto

6	2
RAYS	BLUE JAYS

AROUND MLB

Orioles 6, Red Sox 3
J.J. Hardy hit a three-run homer and Nolan Reimold added a two-run shot as Baltimore won at Fenway Park after getting rocked 12-2 in the series opener. The rubber match goes Wednesday night.

Yankees 3, Dodgers 0
Jacoby Ellsbury and Didi Gregorius came off the bench and hit back-to-back homers in the seventh inning, sending New York to the win over visiting Los Angeles.

Mets 4, Nationals 3
T.J. Rivera homered in the top of the 10th inning to lead the Mets to a win over Washington and maintain their hold on the second NL wild-card spot.

Cardinals 4, Cubs 2
Brandon Moss hit the tiebreaking homer to lead St. Louis over visiting Chicago. The Cards sit a half-game behind the Mets.

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RECIPE Asian Chicken Salad

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Crunchy textures and satisfying flavours makes this restaurant copycat come to life at home.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 chicken breasts
- 1/4 - 1/2 head of purple cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1/4 - 1/2 head of green cabbage, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 1 red pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cucumber, peeled and sliced
- 2 spring onions, sliced
- handful cilantro, chopped
- 1/3 cup peanuts, chopped (optional)

Dressing
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp sriracha
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 1 tsp sugar

Directions

1. Fill a skillet with water and season with salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer. Place chicken breasts in the water and cook 10 to 12 minutes, depending on how thick the breasts are. Remove meat from skillet and place on a clean plate. Use two forks to shred the chicken.

2. In a small bowl, whisk together the dressing ingredients

3. In a large serving bowl, toss together the vegetables and chicken. Drizzle dressing over the salad and toss again. Serve the salad in bowls and garnish with cilantro and chopped peanuts.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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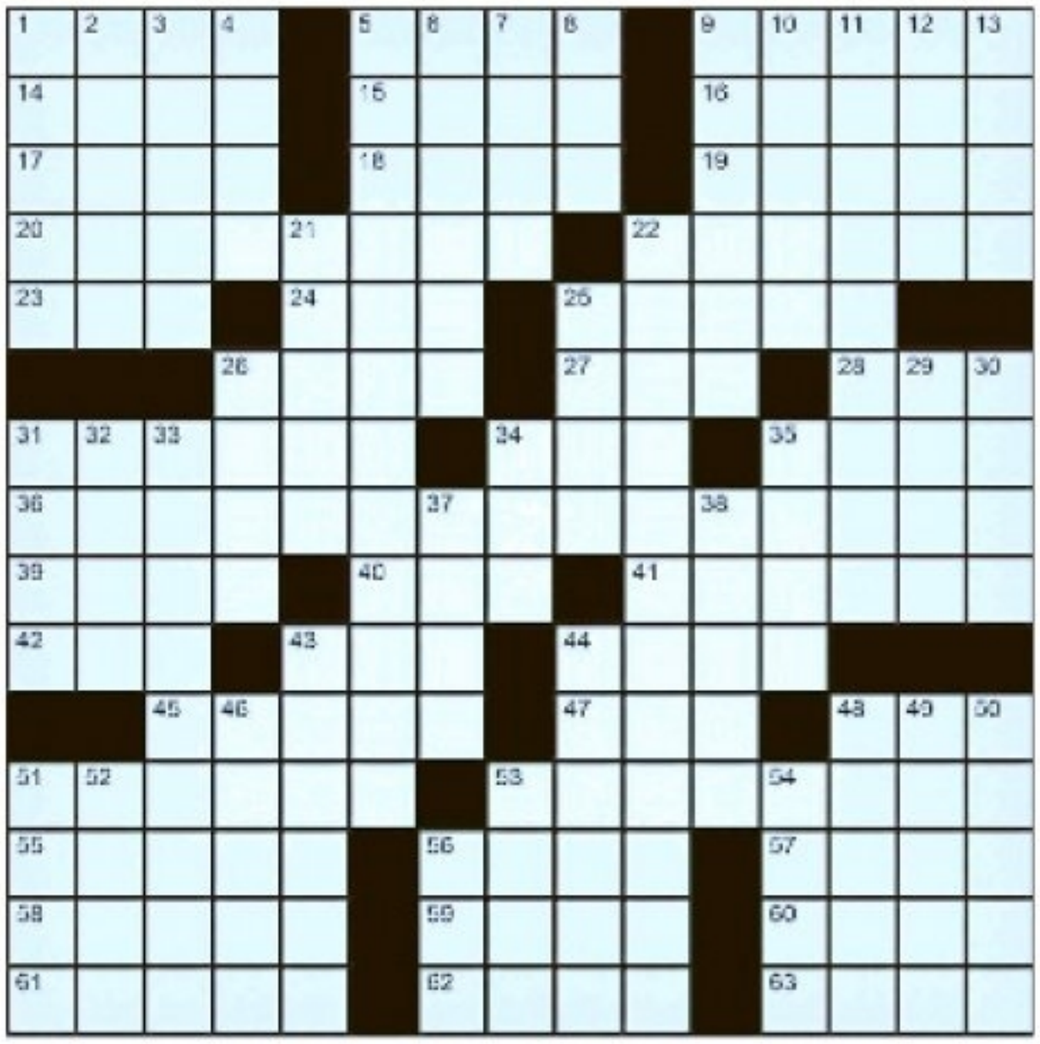

ACROSS
1. Red Hot Chili Peppers song: _ Tissue
5. Health food berry
9. Singer/guitarist Colin
14. Alan _ Jr. (Skipper on Gilligan's Island)
15. Uma's The Producers (2005) character
16. "What _ _ to do then?"
17. "Mr. Holland's _" (1995)
18. New Mexico's artist colony
19. "I wouldn't _ _..." (Craver's comment-starter)
20. Top-connected-to-bottom outfit
22. Public park flapper
23. "_ magic!"
24. "I'm not quite sure..."
25. Cloudless in the daytime sky
26. Microscope piece
27. Ms. Schumer
28. "El _" (1961)
31. Real
34. Point
35. Sunburn soother
36. Early Paul Anka hit: 4 wds.
39. Neutral hue
40. Belonging to Irish writer George William Russell's pen name
41. Flip over the Closed sign
42. Rush (2013) director Mr. Howard
43. Midianite royal
44. Piece of cake
45. In theatres Sept. 23 ... The Magnificent _ (2016)
47. I Will Follow _ by Little Peggy March
48. "Eureka!"
51. Metric milk measures
53. Put the old papers in the blue box
55. Birdlike
56. Central _ ("Friends" hangout)
57. Mr. Driver of movies
58. Waltz, in Paris
59. Station, in Sherbrooke
60. Matthew the Apostle
61. Curl the lips
62. _ acetate (Banana oil)
63. Fuss

DOWN
1. Japanese decor screen
2. Head, in Latin
3. Grads
4. Aretha Franklin... _-_-_-E-C-T / Find out what it means to me.
5. Soon they'll be dazzling the trees: 2 wds.
6. Small _ Court
7. Frequently: 2 wds.
8. '_' _ in Ingersoll
9. Martin Short's talk show host character Mr. Glick
10. _ _ of the Times by Petula Clark
11. Bills fastener: 2 wds.
12. 'Within'-meaning prefix
13. Mr. Connery
21. Cut
22. Bread selection
25. Expressed
26. Beach feast
29. Ms. Skye of Say Anything... (1989)
30. Agyness _ (British fashion model)
31. Yesterday, in Yucatan
32. Fashion's Ms. Chanel
33. Subway passageway
34. Baseball great Mr. Cobb's
35. Above
37. Chow _
38. Sordid
43. Fairly fifty-fifty
44. 1962: The 4 Seasons title song lady
46. Nullify
48. Variety of tree
49. 1, 2, 3... Lift!
50. Fess up
51. Loos
52. Leo Tolstoy's The Death of _ Ilych
53. Stack of paper
54. Herd baby
56. 'Green/tee' gr.

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a great day to schmooze with friends and enjoy the company of others. However, it's a poor day to agree to anything important. Remember this for your own benefit.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Do not volunteer for anything today or make an important commitment, especially with your boss or an authority figure in your life. Wait until tomorrow to do this.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Travel will be loosey-goosey today. If you are thinking of making travel plans for the future, this is a poor day to make plans. Likewise, it's a poor day for important decisions about medicine and the law.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you are trying to collect a debt or settle a dispute about inheritances and shared property, postpone this for another day. Whatever you initiate today will come to nothing.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The Moon is opposite your sign today, which means you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. Be ready to accommodate them, but agree to nothing important.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Just accept the fact that this is an errorprone day at work. Go with the flow and don't be on anyone's case. Chill out.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a highly creative day for you. If you work in the arts or in any creative field, you will be imaginative and original. Enjoy playful times with children.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a good day to hide at home and just cocoon. Whatever you do, do not make purchases, except for food and gas.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a casual, conversational day. Enjoy the company of others, especially siblings and relatives. However, agree to nothing important.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Postpone all financial decisions for another day. If shopping, keep your receipts, but ideally, only spend your money today on food and gas.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
For most of this day, the Moon is in your sign, but it is working at a disadvantage. This means you should be careful about impulsive decisions. Think twice.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Research of any kind will go well today because your mind is open to searching in new directions. However, postpone important decisions until tomorrow or later in the week.

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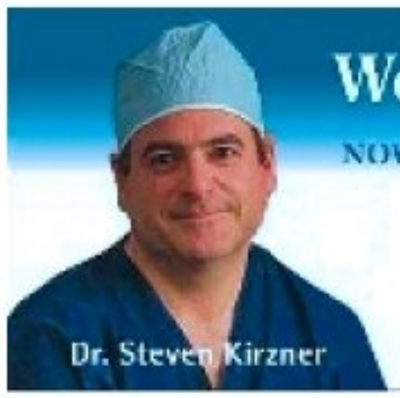

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